

NEWCOMERS

Whether you arrive during the day or night, weekday or weekend, your first stop should be the 24-hour arrival point at the Edwards' High Desert Inn lodging office, Bldg. 5602, 602 Honts, just off Manzanita Way, in the base housing area. Should you need directions or information upon arriving at Edwards, a security forces gate guard will be happy to assist you. A lodging officer at the Inn will have your sponsor's name and telephone number and will help you contact him or her.

In-processing is conducted at the Military Personnel Flight office, 125 Methusa Road, located in the main base area. You should visit the MPF Manning Control Unit as soon as possible after visiting the 24-hour arrival point. Ask your sponsor to escort you. You must take your personnel records and all other documents that you may have hand-carried.

The Manning Control Unit will arrange an appointment for your in-processing, which takes about two hours and includes financial processing. At the same time, you will be scheduled for several appointments, including the newcomer's briefing; traffic safety, drug and alcohol, human relations, and education briefings, and a records review. A uniform must be worn when in-processing.

In the event of an emergency while en route to Edwards, travelers should call their new unit of assignment. If that information is unknown, call the intro manager at (661) 277-2276 or DSN 527-2276 during the day or the 24-hour arrival point at (661) 277-3302/3394/4101 or DSN 527-3302/3394/4101 at any hour.



The 412th Test Wing



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CHILDCARE

Free Childcare for Newcomers: A maximum of 20 hours of free childcare, per child, is available to parents of all ranks who are making a permanent change of station move to or from Edwards through the Air Force Aid Society. The childcare is available within 60 days of arrival or departure and is provided by Family Childcare Program providers. Parents may apply for childcare by bringing a copy of their orders and a valid ID to the family support center at 550 S. Bailey Ave. Call the center at (661) 277-0723 or DSN 527-0723. Families who do not yet have orders should visit the center to arrange confirmation of their PCS status.

Child Development Center

1208 W. Fitzgerald Blvd.

(661) 275-TOTS or DSN 525-TOTS

The CDC, located in the housing area, provides developmental care for children 6 weeks to 5 years old for both military members and Department of Defense and NASA civilians. The CDC is open Monday through Friday and is closed all federal holidays.

Hourly care and part-day enrichment programs are available. Breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks are served on a regular basis. All meals are in accordance with USDA guidelines.

Planned activities include dramatic play, blocks, art, music, reading and writing centers, indoor and outdoor gross motor play, science and language. As part of the creative curriculum, all children are exposed to a variety of

developmental activities to promote their social, physical and cognitive growth.

Teen Center

1000 Kincheloe Ave.

(661) 275-TEEN or DSN 525-TEEN

The Teen Center, designed to allow teens a place of their own, provides after-school and weekend activities for teens ages 13 to 18 in grades seven through 12. The center is an affiliated member of the Boys and Girls Club of America and offers many B&GCA programs, as well as Air Force- and Edwards-unique programs.

The Keystone Club, a B&GCA program sponsored by the Taco Bell Foundation, provides teens ages 14 to 18 leadership opportunities within the base community. Activities include fund raising, volunteerism, team building, participation in national conventions and discussion of issues most important to base youth.

The Congressional Awards Program allows teens and young adults the opportunity to be rewarded for reaching personal goals set throughout the year in four different areas of achievement. The program strives to develop and enhance positive personal qualities such as responsibility, citizenship, and the ability to plan and organize. Participants receive certificates and medals of recognition for reaching their goals.

The Youth of the Year Program, a B&GCA initiative sponsored by Reader's Digest, recognizes teens ages 14 to 18 for overall excellence. Each teen selected will represent their individual club in state and national competitions. Award winners may receive up to \$15,000 in scholarships for post-secondary education.

The Youth Employment Skills, or YES Program, sponsored by the Air Force Aid Society, provides high school teens, specifically dependents of parents serving in the active-duty military, the opportunity to earn a post-secondary school grant of up to \$1,000 by volunteering at base agencies.

Teens on the Move, a sponsorship program run in coordination with the Family Support Center, helps teens moving from one base to another to more smoothly and quickly adjust to life in the Edwards community. Incoming teens may be matched to Edwards teen sponsors to receive information on base life from a peer's perspective before arriving.

The center features game tables, music, lounge and homework areas, Internet accessibility and video games. The center arranges programs such as a teen club, glow bowling and monthly movie-education days.



Youth Activities Center

**Main center, 24 Lathrop Drive
(661) 275-KIDS or DSN 525-5437
Annex, 1208 W. Fitzgerald Blvd.
(661) 275-PLAY or DSN 525-7529**

The Youth Activities Center is the focal-point for all youth activities at Edwards. A wide range of supervised programs is available to youth ages 5 to 18. Youth 13 and older may find additional programs available through the Teen Center.

The YAC offers an array of youth, pre-teen and teen activities including dances, holiday and family events, picnics and trips. Professional instruction is available through the center for ballet, tap dance, gymnastics and karate. The center relies on both youth and parents to take an active role in shaping programs.

The School Age Program provides before and after-school childcare and is facilitated by both the Youth Activities main center and annex. The annex provides programming for students in kindergarten through second grade, while the main center provides programming for students in third through sixth grade. Activities include arts, music, dramatic play, outdoor play, science, math and reading. Transportation to and from the base schools is provided. Summer camp programs are also available. Students must have completed kindergarten to register for camp programs.

The General Youth Program provides after-school activities for children ages 9 to 12. On non-school days and during the summer, activities are provided Monday through Friday, noon to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 7 to 10 p.m.

The center also facilitates the Youth Sports and Fitness Program for children ages 5 to 18. The program offers a wide range of sports activities throughout the year and provides children a chance to compete and gain instruction and confidence in such sports as flag football, basketball, baseball, softball and soccer.

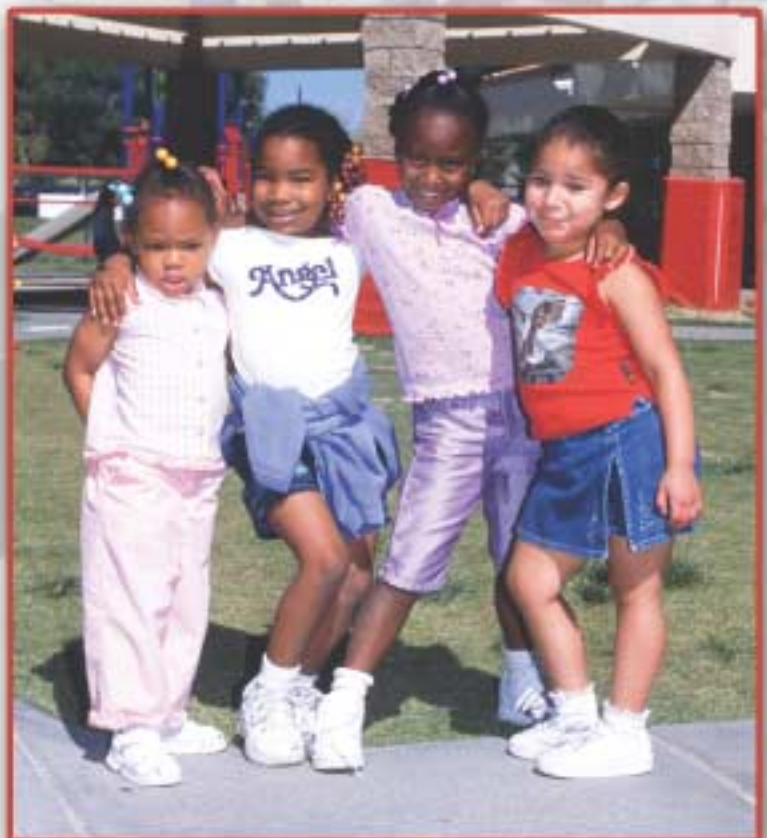
Family Childcare Program

**311 14th St.
(661) 275-4FCC or DSN 525-4FCC**

The Edwards Family Childcare program offers an alternative option for quality childcare in a home environment. Licensed providers are trained in child development theory and techniques, first aid, CPR, food handling and other related areas. Fire safety, environmental health and family childcare officials conduct inspections on all homes prior to recommending certification. Throughout the certification period, monthly unannounced inspections are conducted to ensure the health, safety and well-being of the children being cared for.

A referral list of licensed providers is available through squadron first sergeants, at the Family Childcare office, the Child Development Center and the Family Support Center. The referral list is also available on the 95th Services Division Web site at www.edwardsservices.com.

All persons providing childcare in their home for more than 10 hours per week must be licensed. Applications and information on becoming a childcare provider, or personal assistance in finding quality in-home childcare, is available at the FCC office. The office is open Monday through Friday.



COMMUTING

The two primary commuting routes to Edwards' main base are the California State Highway 14, also known as the Antelope Valley Freeway, for people living in Lancaster, Palmdale and other cities and towns to the south, and California State Highway 58 for people living north or east of Edwards. Highway 58 is the main route to reach the Air Force Research Lab.

Speed limits along these roads are in the 65-to-70-mph

range, making it practical to live relatively far from base. Traffic is rare, but as is common at all bases, it can back up at the gates during periods of increased security. There is no public transportation serving Edwards, though carpooling is encouraged. Roughly 92 percent of Edwards' civilian work force commutes daily, whereas 25 percent of the base's military work force commutes daily. A minimum commute to base is 15 minutes.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

EMERGENCIES.....911

Non-emergencies

95th Security Forces Squadron . . . (661) 277-3340/3341/3343
or . . . DSN 527-3340/3341/3343

Chaplain

Duty hours (661) 277-2110 or DSN 527-2110
after-duty hours (661) 277-3040 or DSN 527-3040

All on-base emergencies can be reported by calling 911. If using a cell phone, it is not recommended to dial 911, as the call will be relayed to the location of the cell phone service provider. Emergency cell phone calls should be made to the base fire department's communication center at (661) 277-4540 or 277-4541.

Paramedic treatment and ambulance service is available 24 hours a day by dialing 911. The 95th Security Forces Control Center is open 24 hours a day. Counseling as provided by a base chaplain is

available at any time.

Fire department emergency response is provided by a network of five fire stations located across the base. Fire Station 1 provides service to the flightline; Station 2, to the base housing area; Station 3, to the southern portion of the base; Station 4, to the Air Force Research Lab, Propulsion Directorate; and Station 5 to the northern portion of the base. Fire prevention training is available by calling (661) 277-3643/4621 or DSN 527-3643/4621.



Paramedic crews train frequently to provide skilled and efficient response 24 hours a day.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Civilian Personnel Flight

36 N. Wolfe Ave.

(661) 277-3840 or DSN 527-3840

The Civilian Personnel Flight has many types of positions available including student positions and a summer employment program. Positions range from professional and technical to administrative and trade occupations. CPO offers entry-level and senior-level management positions. Positions are open to all U.S. Citizens.

For more information about civil service employment go to <http://careers.edwards.af.mil> or call the 24-hour job information line at (661) 277-4964 or DSN 527-4964. Some positions are listed on the Air Force Personnel Center web site at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil> or call their job information line at (210) 652-5627.

Human Resources Office

36 N. Wolfe Ave.

(661)275-9675 or DSN 525-9675

Information about nonappropriated fund, or NAF, employment is available at the Human Resources Office or by writing to 95 SPTG/SVH, 36 N. Wolfe Ave., Edwards AFB, CA 93524-6745. NAF employment is open to off-duty military as well as family members. The NAF system employs more than 330 people and offers opportunities from entry-level laborer to technical and mid-level management positions. Applications are accepted on a continuous basis from all qualified applicants and are kept on file for 90 days.

FINANCE

5 S. Wolfe Ave.

(661) 277-4550/2441 or DSN 527-4550/2441

The Financial Services Office serves all government agencies, military and civilian personnel on base by certifying funding and providing financial management liaison between Department of Defense organizations, commercial vendors and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service.

The customer service lobby hours are 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and 8 a.m. to

2 p.m. Wednesdays. The busiest times are usually 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Customer Service can also be contacted via e-mail at customer.service@edwards.af.mil.

The Air Force Aid Society is available for emergency financial assistance and can be contacted through personal affairs in the 95th Mission Support Squadron, located at 125 Methusa Road.

FIREARMS REGISTRATION, STORAGE AND TRANSPORT

105 E. Yeager Blvd.

(661) 277-3526 or DSN 527-3526

All base residents that maintain firearms must register their weapons with the 95th Security Forces Squadron by completing an Air Force Form 1314 in three copies with their unit commander's signature. Personnel possessing firearms must comply with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, and military regulations on registering, storing, bearing, possessing and using firearms.

All firearms owned by or in the custody of personnel who reside in the dormitories or in Desert Villa temporary lodging facilities, while on temporary duty or in the process of a permanent change of station, must be registered and stored at the 95th SFS armory immediately upon arrival to the base. Family housing residents may maintain firearms in their homes only with their

commander's approval. Housing residents storing reloading components or ammunition in their homes must notify the installation fire department at (661) 277-3124 or DSN 527-3124.

Ammunition must be stored and locked separately from any weapon.

Transporting privately-owned firearms on base is prohibited except to and from authorized storage and shooting areas, namely the Rod and Gun Activity and the 95th SFS Combat Arms range. When transporting firearms, they must be clear, safe and unconcealed with the breech open and must be in the trunk or other secured compartment closest to the rear of the vehicle. Transporting firearms on bicycles, motorcycles or any other two or three-wheeled vehicle is prohibited.

HELPING RESOURCES

Airmen's Attic

550 S. Bailey Ave.

(661) 277-2246 or DSN 527-2246

The Airmen's Attic is part of Family Services and offers a variety of free clothes items and small household items such as dishes, pots and pans. Donations are always accepted.

American Red Cross

2715 E Ave. P, Palmdale, Calif.

Monday to Friday, during business hours

(661) 267-0650

After business hours, Saturday, Sunday and Holidays

(661) 277-3040

Emergency services are available on a 24-hour basis. Red Cross services include, but are not limited to, emergency communication, financial assistance, counseling and guidance, referrals, and information regarding veteran benefits, first aid, youth programs, CPR, water safety training, blood programs, disaster preparedness and relief. Military personnel on temporary duty or unaccompanied tours are encouraged to instruct family members to contact their local Red Cross when a family emergency arises and to provide the service member's rank, social security number and unit of assignment. This will expedite the process of contacting the military member.

Chapel Food Closet

Chapel 2, 10 Park Drive

(661) 277-2110 or DSN 527-2110

The Chapel Food Closet is available to service members experiencing financial hardship and looking for assistance in obtaining food items. Referral should be made initially through first sergeants.

Equal Employment Opportunity

307 E. Popson Ave.

(661) 277-3338 or DSN 527-3338

The base EEO office strives to eliminate barriers to equality of opportunity in employment as concerns federal employees, both Department of Defense civilians and non-appropriated fund employees, as well as applicants for employment. EEO also ensures employee complaints of discrimination are given fair and fast consideration. Mediation is available as a private, informal means of dispute resolution.

Family Support Center

550 S. Bailey Ave.

(661) 277-0723 or DSN 527-0723

The Family Support Center supports the Air Force mission by supporting the Air Force "family." The FSC serves all active duty, Department of Defense civilians, Guard, Reserves, retirees and their family members. The FSC provides individual consultations, workshops and products to help people remain mission ready and enjoy a high quality of life. Watch the Commander Access Channel, Channel 6; read the *Desert Wings*, FSC monthly calendar and the calendar on the Year of the Family Web site at www.edwards.af.mil/yofam or drop by the FSC to learn more about current programs.

Key programs available at the center include the following:

◆ **Air Force Aid Society** assistance is available 24 hours, 7 days a week for active duty Air Force members and their spouses who need funds for emergencies or for humanitarian purposes. Non-emergencies can be scheduled during regular office hours. Call the command post at 277-3034 for after duty hour emergencies. Assistance is normally in the form of interest-free loans or grants. The Air Force Aid Society also provides funds to support a variety of community-enhancement programs that include various childcare programs as well as programs for expectant mothers and new parents.



Family Support personnel provide assistance with library resources.

◆ **Career Focus** provides employment and self-development workshops and assistance for military spouses, family members and civil-service employees. A computer resource room and extended library compliment the classes and individual consultations.

◆ **Family Life Education** offers classes such as change management, effective parenting and couples' communication to assist with family and relationship issues.

◆ **Family Readiness** helps families prepare for extended temporary duty and deployment separation. FSC offers several methods for keeping in touch with loved ones, two monthly meetings of Hearts Apart, a support group, and several special incentives for active members of Hearts Apart. Children are welcome to attend with a parent.

◆ **Family Services** is a volunteer group within the FSC. Family Services volunteers prepare sponsor packages, loan video and brochures about other bases, and loan small household goods for inbound and outbound personnel. They also maintain the Airmen's Attic supported by donations of clothing and small household goods. A layette program and car seat are available for E-4 and below and those in need.

◆ **Information and Referral** provides links to agencies and resources on and off base. If you need additional help finding a service do not hesitate to call the FSC.

◆ **Married Airmen Sharing Together** is a volunteer organization. MAST accepts donations of furniture and appliances for loan back out to the community.

◆ **Personal Financial Management** provides counseling and workshops on financial needs, debt reduction, budget development, investments, Thrift Saving Plan and car buying.

◆ **Relocation Assistance** provides pre-departure information to help you make better plans before you depart for your

next duty station and help you become familiar with your new community. Air Force Crossroads, the official community Web site of the Air Force, www.afcrossroads.com, and Standard Installation Topics Exchange System, www.dmdc.osd.mil/sites, offer up to date information about bases, schools and housing, as well as a chat room and information for youth and spouses. Relocation offers workshops to include sponsorship training, Smooth Move and Spouse Welcome. Spouses are invited to attend a spouse welcome and get a short briefing on local services plus a tour of Lancaster and Palmdale and a free complimentary lunch. The Antelope Valley Chamber of Commerce sponsors this tour. Childcare may be arranged if requested early. Call to sign up.



Computer resources are available to both military and civilian members at the Family Support Center.

- ◆ **Transition Assistance** offers information and referral, individual assistance, computer and library resources, and a variety of classes and workshops to develop skills to make a smooth transition to the civilian work force.
- ◆ **Volunteer Resource** offers information about opportunities to volunteer and serve. This program serves as the base central coordinating point for volunteerism.
- ◆ **Women Infant and Children Nutrition Clinic** is held weekly at the Family Support Center as a convenience to base residents, excluding weeks with a holiday.

If you need assistance and are not located near a Family Support Center, please call Family Support Center Operations, HQ AFPC/DPPTF, at (800) 581-9437.

Legal Assistance

Office of the Staff Judge Advocate
1 S. Rosamond Blvd.
(661) 277-4310 or DSN 527-4310

Legal assistance is offered through the Staff Judge Advocate's office, located in the Air Force Flight Test Center Headquarters building. Judge advocates provide advice and assistance to all active duty and retired members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their dependents, as well as Reserve military members.

Notary service and powers of attorney are available Monday through Friday at various hours. Walk-in legal assistance, excluding last wills and testaments, is available every Monday from noon to 1 p.m. Legal assistance appointments are available every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Call 277-4310 and press "0" for the receptionist

to make an appointment.

Assistance is also available in filing claims for loss or damage to personal property during a move. Claims briefings are held weekly. Turn in of claims is by appointment only. If damage to household goods is noted on a Department of Defense Form 1840 at the time of delivery, a claim may be made any time within two years of the delivery date. For any damage discovered after delivery, a DD Form 1840R must be filed within 70 days of delivery.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistants offer tax preparation help during the tax season. They can prepare, review, provide guidance, and electronically file federal and state income taxes free of charge.

Life Skills Center

30 Hospital Road
(661) 277-5291 or DSN 527-5291

The Life Skills Center offers mental health services, family advocacy services and assistance in substance-abuse situations. Individuals, couples counseling and crisis intervention are available as well as substance-abuse evaluations upon voluntary request or by referral of commanders or supervisors.

Family advocacy provides family counseling and counseling to children of domestic violence. Outpatient alcohol treatment is available and inpatient services are available through other military resources. Referral to military inpatient treatment facilities is limited to active duty only. Films and video tapes may be borrowed, and literature is available.

Military Equal Opportunity

307 E. Popson Ave.
(661-) 277-4440 or DSN 527-4440

The Military Equal Opportunity office is located in the C wing of Bldg. 1400. MEO focuses on human relations issues by assisting commanders to improve mission effectiveness by countering the adverse effects of discrimination, sexual harassment and human-relations conflicts.

MEO provides human-relations education to all people initially entering military or civil service and to those attending Airman Leadership School. Equal-opportunity awareness training is available for all Team Edwards members. Human-relations education and briefings are also available by request for individual units and work centers.

MEO keeps commanders informed on matters of discrimination based on race, religion, sex, national origin or color. Discrimination complaints may be filed by military members and their dependents, and a referral service is available for problems outside the scope of MEO's responsibility.

Tax Assistance

The Edwards volunteer Income Tax Assistance program annually provides free assistance in completing and filing federal and California state income tax returns. Active duty and retired military members, reservists on active duty, and military dependents are eligible. The program is coordinated through the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate and involves training local volunteers through the Internal Revenue Service and the California Franchise Tax Board.

HOMETOWN NEWS RELEASE

Public Affairs

1 S. Rosamond Blvd.

(661) 277-3510/4127 or DSN 527-3510/4127

Newcomers are encouraged to complete a Department of Defense Form 2266, Hometown News Release Information, to share the news of their permanent change of station and assignment with friends and family in their hometowns. By simply completing the form on page 65 and sending or delivering it to Public Affairs, a news release will be generated and sent to media outlets for possible publication in your relatives' communities.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS SHIPMENTS

30 N. Wolfe Ave.

(661) 277-0022/2718/4527 or

DSN 527-0022/2718/4527

Arrangements can be made for delivery of household goods and personal effects to new quarters by contacting the inbound section of Household Goods soon after arriving at the base.

HOUSING

Edwards Housing Office

402 S. Forbes Ave.

(661) 277-4506 or DSN 527-4506

Consolidated Dorm Management Office

141 W. Popson Ave.

(661) 277-6783 or DSN 527-6783

Military Family Housing

The Edwards Housing Office welcomes written or telephone inquiries regarding both on- and off-base housing. When writing, state member's rank and number of dependents with their ages and gender and send to 95 CEG/CEH, 402 S. Forbes Ave., Edwards AFB, CA 93524-1800.

Family housing units at Edwards consist of 310 units for officers and 1,360 for enlisted members. The floor plans represent a few of the units available. All units include ranges, refrigerators, dishwashers and garbage disposals. Connections for washer and dryers, both gas and electric, are provided. Maintenance concerns are handled by Chugach Management Services, the family housing maintenance contractor, by calling (661) 258-4461 or (661) 258-4462.

All ranks may be housed, subject to availability, and an advance application should be submitted through the losing

G-area, Officer housing.



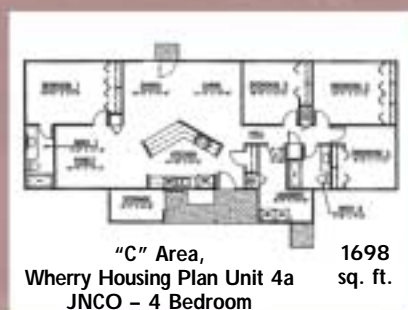
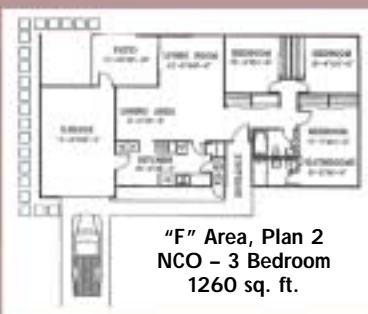
I-area, Edwards' newest family housing area for officers and senior NCOs.



installation's housing or billeting office on a DD Form 1746 as soon as possible after receipt of orders. Quarters are assigned according to grade and family size in accordance with Air Force Instruction 32-6001.

Trash or refuse collection days for base housing are as follows: Monday, area F; Tuesday, areas G and H; Wednesday, areas B and I; Thursday, area C; and Friday, areas A and E and the mobile home park. Recycling is picked up in base housing on regular refuse collection days in the first and third full weeks of each month. There is no pickup on federal holidays; collection is accomplished the following day. More information on trash pickup is available by calling (661) 277-2431 or DSN 527-2431. Recycling information is available at (661) 277-2431 or DSN 527-2431.

Examples of Housing Floor Plans





Outside the 1+1 dormitories



Edward's AFB has a park for privately-owned mobile homes.

Unaccompanied Housing for Officers

Bachelor officer quarters consist of 62 apartment-style units, with priority being given to key personnel.

Unaccompanied Housing for Enlisted Members

Airmen through senior airmen are required to live in base dormitories if unaccompanied. Two and three-story dormitories each house between 32 to 70 members while maintaining unit integrity. Most dormitories are centrally located within walking distance of the Joshua Tree Inn Dining Facility, Oasis Community Center, Aerobic and Aquatics Center and the Fitness and Sports Center. However, the dormitory for medical personnel is located adjacent to the Edwards Clinic and Dental Clinic. Single rooms are assigned based upon

rank and unit. Bathrooms may be shared by roommates or adjacent rooms. Application for dormitory housing should be made after arrival at Edwards. Unaccompanied junior noncommissioned officers are not authorized on-base housing. Unaccompanied senior NCOs are authorized residence in one of 16 apartment-style units, similar to the bachelor officers' quarters, on a space available basis.

Mobile Home Park

Edwards maintains a centrally located 188-space mobile home park for privately-owned mobile homes. Both personnel with families and unaccompanied members are allowed to reside in the park; however, families have first priority. Advance applications may be submitted on DD Form 1746. State whether you require a lot for a single or double-wide mobile home or are looking to purchase an existing mobile home. Mobile home park residents, though residing on base, receive basic allowance for housing. Trash and recycling collection occurs on a routine schedule as outlined in "Military Family Housing" on Page 28.

Off Base

Members assigned to Edwards may choose to reside in one of two metropolitan areas, Lancaster or Palmdale, which are 35 to 45 minutes south of the base, or in other small communities which offer affordable housing closer to the base. Housing personnel are ready to assist customers with personalized listings of rentals and real estate as well as information regarding living in off-base communities.

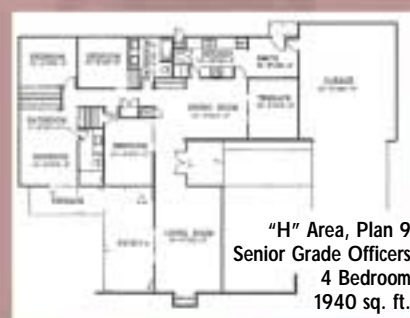
LODGING

High Desert Inn

Bldg. 5602, Manzanita Way

(661) 275-ROOM or DSN 525-ROOM

The Edwards High Desert Inn has various lodging accommodations available to military personnel. The Inn is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For members who have families and who have not been assigned permanent housing, there are limited apartment-type quarters available in the Desert Villa section of the housing area. Each of the 50 units has cooking facilities, a queen-size bed and a twin-size bed in the bedroom, and a couch that converts into a double bed and a chair that converts into a single bed in the living room. Cost is \$34 per night. For unaccompanied members, hotel-like quarters are available at the High Desert Inn. Cost ranges from \$25 to \$37 per night, depending on rank.



MEDICAL AND DENTAL CARE

Clinic

30 Hospital Rd., 277-7118

Primary and special preventive care services are provided by the 95th Medical Group.

Current services include: aerospace medicine, ambulance service, dental/oral surgery, family advocacy/psychiatry, family practice, immunizations/allergy, internal medicine, laboratory, mental health, nutritional counseling, optometry, pediatrics, pharmacy, physical therapy, physiological support and radiology. Prevention programs focus on acupuncture, women's health and breast care, public health, and a variety of topics offered through programming at the Health and Wellness Center. Medical support is also provided to the NASA Dryden and Air Force Research Laboratory communities.

The clinic is open Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., and Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon. Appointments for all personnel may be scheduled by calling the central appointments line during normal duty hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Same-day appointments are reserved for active duty members only, including Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members on active orders, and can be made by calling the central appointments line between 6:30 and 7:30 a.m.

After-hours care for non-emergency situations is available when the clinic is closed, from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., and is facilitated by an administrative officer of the day. The AOD coordinates required care and urgent inquiries with the on-call physician, the medical officer of the day, to provide prompt patient service.

Paramedic-level ambulance service is available 24 hours a day for life-threatening situations by dialing 911. The paramedics respond to all on-base 911 calls and provide on-scene and in-transit advanced life support. The service also provides emergency transportation to local community hospitals. Paramedic crews maintain Kern County, California and National Paramedic rescue licenses and work under the direction of the Kern County Emergency Medical Services Authority.

Dental Clinic

30 Hospital Rd.

(661) 277-2872 or DSN 527-2872

The Dental Clinic provides comprehensive dental care for active duty members, including a periodic dental examination and cleaning. Family members are not authorized routine dental care at the base clinic, unless emergency treatment is necessary. The TRICARE Family Member Dental Plan has been established to ensure family members have access to affordable dental care through off-base providers. To enroll in the program, visit the Military Personnel Flight customer service section.

Capt. Black, DDS, provides dental care services for active duty members stationed at Edwards AFB.

Flight Surgeon's Office

55 N. Wolfe Ave.

(661) 277-2575 or DSN 527-2575

The Flight Surgeon's Office provides medical care for military members and Department of Defense civilians on flying status, as well as dependents of active duty flyers. The Flight Surgeon's Office also serves other active duty members, including those assigned to various flying squadrons and center staff agencies, as well as their families. The unit conducts specialty physicals for Army, Marine and Reserve service members, as well as occupational physicals for specific career fields, and provides support for NASA operations.

Health Care

◆ **TRICARE Service Center**

30 Hospital Road

(800) 242-6788

◆ **Managed Care Office**

30 Hospital Road

(661) 277-6969/2614 or DSN 527-6969/2614

The TRICARE Service Center manages beneficiary enrollment, provides information on the TRICARE program, and links family members with TRICARE health providers in the local area. Representatives also provide authorization for health services requiring prior approval. Community hospitals participating in TRICARE include Antelope Valley Hospital, located approximately 35 miles from the base at 1600 W. Ave. J in Lancaster, and Lancaster Community Hospital, located approximately 40 miles from the base at 43830 10th Street West in Lancaster.

The TRICARE health care program serves active duty and retired military personnel, their families and their survivors. TRICARE combines civilian and military medical resources. It's designed to improve timely access to health care, maintain the same high quality of care, offer more services and a full range of specialists, host a choice of providers, and control health care costs. Because TRICARE offers options designed to fit a spectrum of lifestyle and health-care needs, the program includes three health care plans: TRICARE Prime, TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra.



MILITARY PERSONNEL FLIGHT

125 Methusa Ave.

(661) 277-2276/3186 or DSN 527-2276-3186

The Military Personnel Flight customer service center is the central information and referral point for personnel matters. The customer service staff provides identification cards for service members, dependents and retirees; maintains personnel records; aids in the completion and updating of emergency data card or Department of Defense Form 93 information; manages applications for the dependent dental plan; and updates the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System, or DEERS. Additionally, the customer service center provides referral to the people and agencies that can assist best in numerous situations.

PETS

All animals must be registered within 10 working days of arrival by presenting a current rabies certificate or scheduling vaccinations at the Edwards Veterinary Treatment Facility. An Edward's rabies and identification tag will be issued upon proper proof of immunization. Owners will confine pets at their residence or exercise them under the owner's immediate control, leash or positive control at all times. No pets will be left unattended in motor vehicles. A limited number of animals are allowed in Desert Villa guest quarters, and dogs and cats are not allowed in the dormitories. Abandoning animals on Edwards is prohibited.

Animal Control

4979 Baker-Nun Road

(661) 277-7138 or DSN 527-7138/7139

The 95th Security Forces Squadron Animal Control Facility works with the base veterinary clinic in registering, immunizing, controlling and impounding lost pets on base. Regulations and fines are outlined in Air Force Flight Test Center Instruction 31-25, Control of Pets. Hours of operation vary through the seasons.

Unwanted pets may be turned in at the Kern County Animal Shelter located at 201 S. Mt. Vernon in Mojave. For more information, call (661) 824-4464.

Boarding

Country Home Pets

1120 Kincheloe Ave.

(661) 258-0888

Although there is no boarding facility on base, Country Home Pets offers off-base boarding facilities and free transport from its on-base pet store to the boarding location for base resident's pets. Boarding for cats is \$9 per day and depending on size, dogs cost from \$7 to \$11 per day. Country Home Pets is open Monday through Saturday.

Pet-sitting

A listing of pet sitters is available through the Family Support Center by calling (661) 277-0723 or DSN 527-0723 or visiting the center at 550 S. Bailey Ave.

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Stables

101 Landfill Rd.

(661) 275-PONY or DSN 525-PONY

The Edwards Riding Stables have 53 stalls for private boarding of up to 74 horses, complete with feed and tack storage rooms. Stables are open daily to those boarding horses. The cost to board a horse begins at \$25 per month with an \$80 deposit. These fees help maintain the stable facilities. Horse owners are responsible for feeding their horses and cleaning their stalls.

Other facilities include a clubhouse with patio and barbecue area, two storage barns, a lighted main riding arena, a jumping arena, trail arena, two large exercise pens, and four-horse and two-horse trailers for stable borders' use.

The stables sponsor horse shows, parades and desert trail rides.

Horses stabled on base at the Edwards Riding Stables must undergo a minimum of five days quarantine and have a current Coggins Test as well as other immunizations. Call the Outdoor Recreation office at (661) 275-RENT or DSN 525-RENT before bringing a horse to the base.

Veterinary Treatment Facility

900 Kincheloe Ave.

(661) 275-PETS or DSN 525-PETS

The Edwards Veterinary Treatment Facility provides services for small animals, including health certificates, vaccinations and medical, surgical and laboratory procedures. Limited services are available for horses. Emergencies involving life or limb-threatening injuries will be seen during normal duty hours, depending on the availability of a veterinarian. Emergencies occurring after duty hours may be referred to a civilian veterinarian. The facility is open Monday through Friday during duty hours with variable evening hours.



PHONE INFORMATION

Base Operator/Information

(661) 277-1110 or DSN 527-1110

The area code for Edwards and the surrounding area, including Rosamond, Lancaster, Palmdale, Mojave, Tehachapi, Bakersfield and Gorman, is 661. Phone prefixes for Edwards include 277 and 275 for work centers, 276 for NASA Dryden and 258 for the housing areas. The Defense Switched Network, or DSN, prefix is 527 for commercial 277 numbers and 525 for commercial 275 numbers. When dialing from base phones established with a 277 or 275 prefix, it is necessary to dial only 7 or 5, respectively, and the last four digits of the destination number.

POSTAL SERVICES

Military Postal Service Center Office

20 W. Popson Ave.

(661) 277-4395 or DSN 527-4395

Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to noon

U.S. Postal Service Main Post Office

1100 Kincheloe Ave.

(661) 258-7150

Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

U.S. Postal Service Postal Station

20 W. Popson Ave.

(661) 277-4315

Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 2 to 4:30 p.m.

On-base postal services are handled by the Military Postal Service Center Office, with the exception of delivery to family housing areas, the maintenance of post office boxes, and retail mailing services, all of which are handled by the U.S. Postal Service.

Newcomers can forward mail to the general delivery address managed by the Military PSC Office until they find permanent housing. The address is: General Delivery, PSC Box 1998, Edwards AFB, CA 93524.

Lobby areas for both post office and PSC boxes are open 24 hours a day.

UPS express mail services are available at Outdoor Recreation, located at 1100 Kincheloe Ave. and accessible at (661) 277-3546 or DSN 527-3546.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Muroc Unified School District

17100 Foothill Ave.

North Edwards, Calif.

(760) 769-4821 or (661) 258-4356/4178

The Edwards community boasts two elementary schools, a middle school and a senior high school. On-base public schools fall under the jurisdiction of California's Muroc Unified School District. The 2002-2003 school year begins Aug. 26.

Elementary Schools

Kindergarten through second grade:

◆ **Bailey Elementary**, 1565 Bailey Ave.

(661) 258-6432

Third through fifth grade:

◆ **Branch Elementary**, 1595 Bailey Ave.

(661) 258-4411, Ext. 24 or 400

Sixth through eighth grade:

◆ **Edwards Middle School**, 1577 Payne Ave.

(661) 258-4411, Ext. 500

A child must be 5 years of age on or before Dec. 2 of that school year to be eligible for kindergarten, and he or she must be 6 years old on or before Dec. 2 to be eligible for first grade.

Upon enrollment, parents must provide a birth certificate, a current or transfer report card from the previous school, the student's social security card, a current physical with a doctor's signature (or proof of the physical in the previous school's records) and an immunization record for each child. The law requires proof of polio; diphtheria; tetanus and pertussis, or DTP; and measles immunizations.

Registration is held most weekdays from 1 to 3 p.m. throughout the year.

High School

Ninth through 12th grades:

◆ **Desert High School**

1575 Payne Ave.

(661) 258-4411, Ext. 26

Parents are required to accompany students during registration and must provide shot records (proof of measles, polio and DTP immunizations), a withdrawal form and the last report card from the previous school. Students arriving after the school year has begun should register at the counseling office as soon as possible after arrival. Students who arrive on base prior to the beginning of the school year have an opportunity to plan their schedules. Counseling sessions begin in August.

Honors, advanced placement, college preparatory and laboratory-science classes complement a wide range of extra-curricular clubs and activities, from drama and yearbook to volleyball and wrestling and Junior ROTC. Spanish is the only foreign language offered. With roughly 400 students, Desert High offers sufficient opportunity for all students to become involved.

Parent Organizations

Parents have the opportunity to support and advise Edwards' schools through the Parent Teacher Association and the Parents' Advisory Council. More information on joining the PTA or PAC is available through the schools.

SONIC BOOMS

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SPONSOR PROGRAM

Newcomers to Edwards are encouraged to take advantage of the sponsor program within their respective organizations. If you have orders to Edwards and don't yet have a sponsor, call your gaining orderly room or the Military Personnel Flight at (661) 277-2276 or DSN 527-2276.

SPOUSE WELCOME

Family Support Center

550 S. Bailey Ave.

(661) 277-0723 or DSN 527-0723

The Family Support Center offers a spouse welcome forum to bring together spouses new to the base and representatives from the Muroc Unified School District, 95th Services Division, the Base Education Center, TRICARE managed health care, the Officers Wives Club and the Enlisted Wives Club. In conjunction with local chambers of commerce, the FSC's spouse welcome also offers a free tour of downtown Lancaster, Palmdale and Rosamond each month, highlighting shopping and services and providing a free lunch. Free childcare may be available during tours.

TRANSPORTATION

There are three major commercial airports within 100 miles of Edwards. Los Angeles International, located in Inglewood off Interstate 405, one hour and 45 minutes south of Edwards, is one of the world's busiest airports and traffic congestion in the vicinity is often a factor to consider. Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport, located in Burbank, is an hour-and-a-half straight shot south from the base along State Highway 14 and Interstate 5. Ontario International Airport, located one hour and 30 minutes south in San Bernardino County off Interstate 15, is a less-congested means of connecting to air travel. Newcomers arriving by air, rail or bus should ask for assistance from their sponsor. Late-night arrival by commercial means is not advised. A commercial shuttle is available from LAX to Lancaster, approximately 80 miles, at the current rate of \$38 one way. However, there is no shuttle to Edwards from Lancaster. Reservations may be made by calling (661) 945-2529.

The 95th Transportation Squadron provides an on-base taxi service for official government business Monday through Friday, 5 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more information, call (661) 277-2620 or DSN 527-2620.

VEHICLE REGISTRATION AND SMOG TEST

Pass and Registration

105 E. Yeager Blvd.

(661) 277-7403 or DSN 527-7403

Auto Skills Center

200 Methusa Ave.

(661) 277-4275/2836 or DSN 527-4275/2836

Vehicle registration decals are obtained from the 95th Security Forces Squadron, Pass and Registration Section. Vehicles, including motor scooters and motorbikes, must be registered on the installation within 10 working days of arrival.

To register a vehicle on base, the owner must present vehicle registration, a valid driver's license and military or civilian I.D. card, as well as proof of current insurance in accordance with Air Force Instruction 31-204, paragraph 3.2, and Air Force Flight Test Center Instruction 31.28, paragraph 2.6. If the insurance is not issued under the name of the registering individual, the actual policy is required to verify policy coverage of the registering individual.

Vehicles registered outside the state of California must have proof of a smog test before registering, as required by the Federal Clean Air Act of 1990, Section 118d. Smog tests may be accomplished at the Auto Skills Center; appointments are necessary. Cost is \$25.

WEATHER

Sun and wind, not heat, are the primary year-round characteristics of Edwards' weather. Skies above Edwards are sunny 350 days per year. Winds usually pick up in the afternoon from the west and can become strong at times, particularly in the spring. Edwards' clear skies, desert climate and 2,300-foot elevation result in a 30-degree difference between daytime and nighttime temperatures. Cool evening temperatures and low humidity make the hot summer months surprisingly comfortable. Precipitation is rare between April and October and only accumulates five inches per year. Snow flurries occasionally fall, but rarely stick to the ground. The chart below shows average temperatures and precipitation.

The predictably sunny weather at Edwards AFB provides optimum conditions for test flying throughout the year.

AVERAGE TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION FOR EDWARDS AFB AREA

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Average High	56	57	72	73	94	97	99	103	97	85	68	57
Average Low	29	33	42	42	56	63	65	65	57	49	39	29
Precip. (in.)	1.86	2.29	0.86	0.63	0.0	0.0	0.36	0.0	0.15	0.31	0.85	0.29